

## **Fulfilling Dreams**

Twenty years ago, when my father was in his early 40's, a retired minister said to he and my mother, "If there is anything you and Juanita want to do, any dreams that have not yet been fulfilled for you, you need to do it and you need to do it now." His point was that the time would come when they would not have the physical ability, the financial means or the strong desire to do it. Jesus made this same point, when in Luke 12, He urged folks to put everything in perspective and live today to the fullest. We are all guilty of thinking things like, someday when the kids are grown, someday when there is more money, someday when there is more time, and before we know it the years pass and we have missed out on so much in life, just waiting for the right time.

My father is thankful for those words of wisdom because it was not long before they found out mother had a chronic, incurable disease--a disease which has consumed much of their lives since then. It was shortly after this that they began to travel and take some trips they would never had taken had they not realized how short our time is on this earth.

Don't miss out on anything just because you are too caught up in making money, or waiting for just the right time. If there is something you have long dreamed of being able to do such as going back to school (My father went back to school at 60 and earned another degree), traveling to places you have never seen, or writing a book, then do it. If you are thinking you will earn just a little more money and gain a little more "security," you need to know there is no security in money and things. The greatest pleasures in this life have little to do with money and what we think of as "security." If there is something you have dreamed of doing, start planning today.